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Animal Fact Sheet

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Hartebeest

Alcelaphus buselaphus

The hartebeest is a large African antelope recognized by its elongated forehead, oddly shaped horns, and sloping back. Adapted for life on open plains and savannas, the hartebeest is a swift runner c…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bovidae
Habitat: Savanna and grassland
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12–15 years
Weight: 100–200 kg
Scientific name: Alcelaphus buselaphus

Did you know?

- The hartebeest's scientific name, Alcelaphus buselaphus, once referred to multiple subspecies found across Africa, but some are now extinct or critic…
- Hartebeests have some of the most unusual horns among antelopes, with both sexes sporting S-shaped structures. Despite their awkward appearance, they…

What I learned

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